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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LIBRARY

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Newsletter

New Series, Vol. 1, No. 1

January 16, 1931

Beginning with this number, the Library Newsletter which has heretofore been read at the staff meetings, will be issued in mimeographed form. It is believed that this will be an advantage not only because it will give the speaker additional time but also because it will be possible for each member of the staff to have a copy of the Newsletter. In the past those who did not attend the meeting have not as a rule seen any copy of the Newsletter and sometimes those who attended could not always understand the reader if they happened to be seated in the back rows. The hearty cooperation of all members of the staff is earnestly requested in sending to the Program or Editorial Committee each month all items which it is thought will be of interest for inclusion in the Newsletter. The Chairman of the Committee for February is Miss Carolyn R. Ehlert of the main Library.

Claribel R. Barnett,

Librarian.

The main Library has just obtained a copy of Jared Eliot's Essays upon Field-Husbandry in New England, 1760. This book, as far as is known, is the first American book on agriculture.

The Catalogue Division has adopted a new method of labelling the books on the back. It is done by typewriter - a new, large-type machine. In order to use it, it is necessary that the labels be in perforated sheets. We are not so much pleased with the way the edges of the labels look after they are cut from the sheet but believe that the appearance on the whole is better than it was when they were marked by hand. The marking was formerly done by the messenger who did the pasting. Some messengers were able to do it well while the work of others was very poor. Recently it had been done by Miss Wadsworth with excellent results but her time can hardly be spared for this. We hope the new method will prove successful. The large-type machine will be useful also in writing labels for drawers, and for other purposes.

The Periodical Division has had the pigeon holes in the reading room cleaned and the periodicals rearranged. New labels also have been made when needed. The periodicals are now much easier to find.

"A Bibliography of the History of Agriculture in the United States", by Everett E. Edwards, of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, has been issued as Miscellaneous Publication No. 84 of the Department. This is a very valuable bibliography and may be used for many purposes as may be seen by the following partial list of subdivisions: Agriculture in the States, geographic factors in American history, Indian contributions to American agriculture, agriculture by regions chiefly since 1860, transportation and markets, agencies promoting agriculture, agricultural leaders, and farm implements and machinery.

A short article entitled "Plant Emigrants", by Miss M. F. Warner of the Bureau of Plant Industry library, appeared in the January issue of the National Horticultural Magazine. One of the many by-products of Miss Warner's work with old gardening books is a special interest in the social and personal background of the history of plants and gardening. She has lately been trying to find early records of some North American plants which were first known in Old World gardens, but the present article, dealing in general with the introduction of such plants into Europe in the beginning of the 17th century, does not go into botanical details of place and date. It was intended to bring out the relation between plant introduction and human history, and to intimate that the interest roused by plant novelties in the Old World long ago, was probably very much like that afforded by the discoveries of the plant explorers of today.

Visitors

During the past few weeks the main Library has had a number of out of town visitors. Among them were Dr. Arthur P. Kelley of Malvern, Pa., Dr. Mel T. Cook of Porto Rico, and Dr. Catherine Lieneman from the North Carolina College for Women. Doctors Vavilov and Kulishov of Moscow also made return visits.

In the Bureau of Agricultural Economics library foreign visitors included Doctor Sohn from Germany, who is studying the general agricultural situation, and Doctor Tadayoshi, Professor of Agricultural Economics, Tottori Agricultural College, Japan, who is making a study of the organization of cooperation in this country. Another visitor to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics library was Mr. H. A. Morgan, Research Fellow of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, who spent several days working with the publications which give English and American wool prices.

Personnel

Mrs. Mary Clarke, a typist in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, has been temporarily detailed to the Bureau library.

Thomas Putt, of Sharon, Pennsylvania, has been appointed as messenger in the main Library in place of John Gooch who was transferred to the Bureau of Animal Industry.

Eunice Rockwood Oberly Memorial Prize

Following is a list of the bibliographies which were submitted in competition for the fourth Eunice Rockwood Oberly Memorial Prize:

- Bercaw, Louise O. Rural standards of living; a selected bibliography.
- Colvin, Esther M. The strawberry industry in the United States: a selected list of references on the economic aspects of the industry.
- Day, Emily L. Valuation of real estate with special reference to farm real estate.
- Edwards, Everett E. A bibliography of the history of agriculture in the United States.
- McDonald, Marguerite. Crop and market reports. History and present status in the United States. A selected bibliography.
- O'Brien, Ruth, Peterson, Esther C., and Worner, Ruby K. Bibliography on the relation of clothing to health.
- Olcott, Margaret T. Large scale and corporation farming.
- Zwinggi, Lois. Legal phases of agricultural marketing and agricultural cooperation; a selected bibliography.

The bibliographies are now being considered by the Committee. The President of the American Library Association appointed the following Committee for this year: Miss Mary K. Bryan, Bureau of Plant Industry; Mr. Paul R. Byrne, Librarian, Notre Dame University; Miss Mary E. Hazeltine, Principal, University of Wisconsin Library School; Miss Mary G. Lacy, Librarian, Bureau of Agricultural Economics; Mr. Adolph S. Oko, Librarian, Hebrew Union College (Cincinnati); Mr. Frank K. Walter, Librarian, University of Minnesota; and Miss Claribel R. Barnett, Librarian, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Chairman.

American Library Association

The American Library Association is making an appeal for much needed additional support. If \$20,000 can be raised through sustaining, contributing, and regular memberships, a double purpose will be realized. Important projects can be continued and the Association will be able to qualify for an additional million dollar endowment fund from the Carnegie Corporation. The Corporation has offered to count each membership at twenty times the annual fee. In other words, every sustaining membership of \$100 counts as \$2000, every contributing membership at \$25 counts as \$500, and every regular membership at \$2 counts as \$40 toward the endowment. Any members of the staff who are not now members of the Association are urged to join. Forms to be filled out in connection with the regular membership may be obtained from Miss Ethel E. Smith of the main Library.

In addition to the regular memberships, it was decided at a recent meeting of the bureau librarians and the heads of divisions of the main Library to attempt to raise funds for a contributing membership from the Library staff ~~as a whole~~. If each member of the staff will contribute between twenty-five and fifty cents, a contributing membership can be obtained. Contributions for this purpose may be sent to Miss Barnett for forwarding to the American Library Association.

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Newsletter

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February 25, 1931

The speaker at the January meeting of the Library staff was Mr. M. S. Eisenhower, Director of Information, and at the February meeting, Mr. Paul G. Redington, Chief of the Bureau of Biological Survey. Each gave a most interesting account of the work and problems of his bureau. The talks were also very helpful.

The Library has recently acquired a valuable six-volume manuscript work on fungi by James Bolton, with the title: "Icones fungorum circa Halifax sponte nascentium." It is an eighteenth century work containing a brief handwritten description of each kind of fungus accompanied by a hand colored plate. On account of its special interest, Doctor Shear of the Bureau of Plant Industry had the work on exhibit at the last meeting of the Botanical Society of Washington.

The latest innovation at the Library is the bodily shifting of the catalog. Because of the crowded condition of the drawers, a new section was added at the end of the alphabet, and the cards are gradually being shifted to leave room for growth in each drawer. So do not be alarmed if, for the present, you see empty drawers in the middle of the alphabet, or find Potatoes where last week you found Tomatoes.

Miss Rachel P. Lane began work on February 16 as an assistant to Miss Emily L. Day of the Division of Cotton Marketing of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Miss Lane is a graduate of the University of North Carolina. Previous to coming to the Department she was in charge of the order work in the Woman's College Library, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.

Miss Mildred Wilson, who was detailed to the main Library on November 17 for three months experience in cataloguing, returned to the Bureau of Public Roads Library on February 17. Miss Katherine Knoop of the main Library was detailed for the same period to the Bureau of Public Roads Library to assist in its work during Miss Wilson's absence.

Among recent visitors at the main Library was Mrs. Helen M. Fox, the author of "Garden Cinderellas", a book on the cultivation of lilies, and many articles on garden plants. She was looking up material for a new book she is preparing on savory and fragrant herbs, and spent more than a week here, in the course of which she verified quantities of references of her own and examined hundreds of others found in the Botanical Catalog. For several days the Loan Desk and shelving services were considerably embarrassed by the huge number of books off the shelves and passing through Mrs. Fox's hands in rapid survey. She expressed herself enthusiastically about the resources and service of the Library.

Bibliographies:

The Director of Information for the Bureau of Agricultural Economics has obtained permission from the Director of Information of the Department to print three of the bibliographies of the Bureau Library. Agricultural Economics Bibliography No. 32, Rural Standards of Living, has been sent to the Bureau editor's office as its first step on the long journey to the Government Printing Office. Weather and Crops, the compiling and typing of which was finished about two weeks ago, is being prepared for printing but has not left the Bureau Library. The third bibliography is one on the Marketing of Agricultural Products. It will supplement Miscellaneous Circular 35 and incorporate the references contained in the unnumbered Bureau Library bibliography entitled "State and Federal Publications Dealing with the Marketing of Agricultural Products."

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library would appreciate it very much if any of the bureau libraries would return to it any Agricultural Economics Bibliographies which are no longer needed. The supply of some of these bibliographies is very low, and the congestion in the duplicating section makes it difficult to have them re-run.

A Rush Season!

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library reports that it has been unprecedentedly busy for the last few weeks. Miss Carpenter says that in all her experience in charge of the Loan Desk she has never had such a variety and volume of requests. Miss Lacy and Miss Olcott report the same. The following are a few of the important requests received within the last few days: The personnel of the Commission to Promote Peace and to Equalize the Burdens and to Minimize the Profits of War; Material on the pros and cons of the Muscle Shoals question and on the Bonus question; The number of undergraduates in all colleges and universities in the United States in connection with an analysis of the vocational education funds; The prices of lands in foreign countries.

In the Bureau of Entomology Library, the staff has been kept busy helping several of the field men, who have been in Washington the past month, to find and verify references of especial interest in their work.

The Bureau of Public Roads Library also reports that it has never been busier than during the past few weeks. Workers recently added to the Bureau staff have been using the library extensively as a help in getting themselves adjusted in their new work. The demands for legislative information are constant. More people outside of the bureau are learning about the Library. The railroad and the automotive interests are both using its resources to prove their opposite contentions in the railroad-highway transport controversy. A human interest touch was recently brought in by two men from the Hollywood players who were looking up material for a scenario regarding George Washington for a picture to be shown during the Bicentennial celebration. They were trying to link up the Father of our country with the early road surveys.

Bureau of Agricultural Economics:

Miss Olcott is working in close cooperation with the tax specialist of the Bureau in obtaining the reports of the various agencies which are recommending tax reforms to the forty-two states whose legislatures are meeting at this time. As these recommendations are sometimes made by several agencies in one state it has been an exacting task to find out what they were, obtain addresses, and get letters written to them requesting copies of recommendations. This work is progressing although it is by no means finished.

The Annual Outlook Conference was held the last week of January. The report was completed on Thursday, January 29, advance mimeographed copies were available on Saturday, and the first printed copies of the report, Miscellaneous Publication 108, were received ten days from the date the manuscript was transmitted by the Bureau to the Government Printing Office. A much abbreviated and popularized edition of the Outlook report is being prepared and will be available soon. As Mr. Eisenhower stated in his recent talk to the staff, the Outlook report is considered the best piece of departmental and state cooperation which we have. The conference this year was attended by representatives from practically all of the states. The Library reflected the intense activity of the Bureau for the week before and the week after the conference as well as during the week of the conference, as many state delegates came early or stayed late.

Since the last news letter the Bureau library staff luncheon has been addressed by Mr. L. A. Wheeler, Assistant Chief of the Foreign Agricultural Service, who spoke on the organization of the work of that division, and by Miss Emily L. Day, who told briefly of the work which she, Miss Benton, and Miss Lane are doing in the Division of Cotton Marketing of the Bureau, in preparing the Cotton News Summary, issued daily, and Cotton Literature, which appears monthly. The latter is prepared in cooperation with the main Library, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, the Bureau of Entomology, and the Bureau of Plant Industry. It is of interest, too, that it is the first undertaking in which three bureaus and the main Library cooperate in carrying on the project.

The Library of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics was one of the divisions of the Bureau which exceeded its quota in making contributions to the Red Cross.

Bureau of Entomology:

The Bureau of Entomology Library is preparing spring binding. Over 225 volumes are now ready and many more will be soon.

For some years past books purchased from Bureau of Entomology funds for the use of its field stations have been recorded in the Bureau Library. This year the men in charge of the different stations were required to submit a separate property return for all books and periodicals at their stations. The Library has had the pleasure of checking up these inventories and Miss Hawes is finding it quite a task to check some of the old records. One book after being pursued from Hagerstown, Md., to Carlisle, Pa., and from Carlisle to Lafayette, Ind., was finally located in Washington, D.C., two doors from the Library.

Contributing Membership in the A. L. A.:

It will be appreciated if the various bureau libraries will report definitely to Miss Smith of the main Library whether or not they are planning to make contributions to the American Library Association in connection with its recent appeal for additional support. At the present time an amount less than \$10.00 has been received from the entire library staff of the Department. It is hoped that the Library will be able to raise the twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and thus be added to the list of contributing members. If each member of the staff will contribute the small sum of twenty-five cents the object will be accomplished.

Circulation of Library Journals:

The following library journals are circulated to members of the staff:

- Library Journal
- Libraries
- Special Libraries
- Library Review
- Library Quarterly (a new journal)

We are revising the list of names to which these journals are sent. If you wish your name placed on the list to receive any of them please notify Miss Wilkins. The circulation of these periodicals to the staff takes such a long time that it seems as if it will be necessary to purchase additional copies to circulate to the bureaus. The average time of circulation to the staff is one month but in some cases the journals are held up from three to six months, which seems to indicate that numbers are carelessly left on desks. We wish to limit the list, therefore, to those who are actually interested in reading the periodicals. Those receiving them are urged to use them as promptly as possible, and to expedite circulation by passing to some one else a journal that can not be used on the day it is received.

Fire at the Cotton Breeding Field Station:

Word has been received from the Cotton Breeding Field Station of the Bureau of Plant Industry at Greenville, Texas, that the field station office building was completely destroyed by fire a few weeks ago. Incidentally four publications lent them by the main Library were destroyed. They are fortunately of such a nature that we may hope to replace them easily. They are the following:

Indian central cotton committee. Annual report, 1922.

Empire cotton growing corporation:

Report on the cotton growing industry of Uganda, Kenya,
and the Mwanza district of Tanganyika. 1925.

Horne, H. The extension of cotton cultivation in
Tanganyika Territory. 1922.

Sampson, H. C. The existing conditions of cotton cultivation
in Nataland. 1922.

Planning your work. # a message from the Librarian.

How much thought do you give to planning the work you do? Do you lay out an organized plan for your particular job - whatever it may be, and do you try to think of the shortest and best way to do each job? Probably few, if any, of us do this as much as we should, for the time is so taken up with necessary details. All the details are important and have to be attended to but it is also most important for each one of us to think and no one else can think for us. The chances are that if we do not think and plan we shall fall behind in the procession.

At the present time it is particularly important for us all to be doing some thinking as our move to new quarters will make necessary many changes in the work and routine and will present opportunities for improvement. Any suggestions from the staff will be more than welcome.

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March 19, 1931

The speaker at the March meeting of the Library staff was Miss Sabra Vought, Librarian of the Office of Education, who spoke on the work of the Library of the Office of Education.

We are glad to be able to announce this early that our next meeting will be held on Friday, April 10, and that our speaker will be Mr. R. Kent Beattie, of the Bureau of Plant Industry. He will talk about his recent official trip to Japan.

That books are now coming from the Bindery in large numbers will be welcome news to many of us who have been holding references on our desks and waiting to make various kinds of use of the volumes, many of which have been at the Bindery for several months.

Cases at the Loan Desk and at the Periodical Desk have new labels for the drawers, which are much easier to read than were the old labels and which make a good appearance as well.

Mr. Robert Ahring, the library aide in the Bureau of Chemistry and Soils, resigned March 7 to accept a position in the Interior Department. His place has been taken by Mr. Isadore Markfield, who reported for duty on March 10.

Bureau of Agricultural Economics:

Miss Edith Fitton, who is assisting Dr. O. E. Baker (recently appointed to serve on the President's Committee on recent social changes) is spending much of her time in the Bureau Library. Another frequent visitor is Miss Persia Campbell, who is Economic Research Officer, Bureau of Statistics, Sydney, Australia. Still another recent visitor was Mr. Lloyd M. Short who is preparing a monograph about the Bureau's work for the Institute of Government Research.

The University of Illinois Library School Alumni News Letter of December, 1930, contained a list of bibliographies, several of which were of special interest to the Department. Through the kindness of Mr. Windsor several of them were lent to the Bureau Library. The titles follow: The influence of public libraries as revealed through biography and autobiography, by Dorothy Black; The adult education work of the United States government, with a selected bibliography of the resultant publications, by Jerome K. Wilcox; Agricultural periodicals in the United States, by Allen Ditmars Wilson, 1930 (this is being copied and will be catalogued); Indiana state documents, by Edna Brown. Three other lists of state documents are in preparation for Iowa, Kansas, and South Dakota, respectively. These will supplement in a measure Miss Adelaide Hasse's invaluable Index of economic material in documents of the states of the United States which were so unfortunately allowed to lapse. It may be recalled that some years ago Miss Barnett proposed that the staff of the Department Library each select a state and compile lists of the agricultural documents of that state.

Bureau of Agricultural Economics (cont'd):

The Library has had to undertake the cutting of stencils for two bibliographies. Mrs. Gibbs came from the pool on March 16 to cut the stencil of part 3 of California: an index to the state sources of agricultural statistics, compiled by Louise O. Bercaw. This will consist of approximately 370 pages. Another is the Poultry industry: a selected list of references on the economic aspects of the industry. This bibliography is also compiled by Miss Bercaw and the stencil is being cut by Mrs. Clark. The bibliography was originally compiled in 1928. As the stencil had become too dry it had to be recut. It is 106 pages in length.

The Library has begun preparations for the move to the new building which will take place some time next winter. Books that occupy 1200 square feet of the present space will have to be returned to the Department Library. Miss Carpenter and others have selected the classes to be returned and Miss Crans, assisted by two of the boys, has been measuring these classes. Mr. Smallwood made the calculations for current periodicals. Plans are being formulated to keep the records straight when the move actually takes place.

The Bibliography of the History of Agriculture in the United States, compiled by Mr. E. E. Edwards of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, and issued as Miscellaneous Publication No. 84, was mentioned in a recent number of the Saturday Review of Literature.

Bureau of Entomology:

The Bureau of Entomology Library has again been unprecedentedly busy during the past month with reference work. Visitors from field stations have been in the Library continually and several of the Washington offices have been engaged in extensive bibliographic work, the Insect Pest Survey especially. Besides these there have been frequent calls from newspaper writers, and from George Washington University students who are preparing for Civil Service examinations or working on theses.

Office of Experiment Stations:

The Library of the Office of Experiment Stations is now preparing several hundred volumes of extension publications for binding.

Carbon copies of the Check List of Extension Publications of the State Agricultural College through the year 1929 are now filed in the main Library.

In many of the packages of duplicate publications returned to the Office of Experiment Stations Library publications are found other than those issued by the state agricultural experiment stations and the extension services. As the number of publications received in the Library is very large it would be much appreciated if the branch librarians would have packages examined to see that only station and extension publications are returned here. It would also be of much help to have the publications arranged by state.

Procedure in the ordering of books and periodicals for field stations:

In 1898 Congress passed a law (30 Statutes at Large, 277) restricting the purchase of books and periodicals "for the use of any Executive Department or other Government establishment not under an Executive Department, at the seat of Government to appropriations specifically authorizing the purchase of books and periodicals." This law has been construed not to prohibit the purchase of books and periodicals for use outside of Washington from appropriations not definitely authorizing the purchase of books and periodicals. It therefore has been the practice many years for the bureaus to purchase from their funds all the books and periodicals needed for field use. In the case of most of the bureaus the work in connection with the ordering of the books and periodicals for field use is handled by the bureau librarians. On January 26, 1914, the Office of the Secretary issued a memorandum (No. 62) regarding the purchase of books for field use from the funds of the bureaus, divisions and offices of the Department, explaining the general policy to be followed. It also stipulated that all books and periodicals purchased for field use shall be considered the property of the Department Library after their return to Washington.

As the Library has had inquiries as to the procedure followed by the different bureaus in the purchase of books and periodicals for field use it was thought that it might be helpful to give in the News Letter descriptions of the procedure followed in several of the bureau libraries. Following is a description of the method followed in connection with the books and periodicals purchased for the field stations of the Food and Drug Administration. This was furnished by Miss M. G. Beckwith, Librarian of the Bureau of Chemistry and Soils, who still handles the library work for the Food and Drug Administration.

I. Procedure in connection with the purchase of books and periodicals for the field stations of the Food and Drug Administration.

Periodicals are purchased currently for the seventeen field stations of the Food and Drug Administration located outside of Washington, their cost being borne by the station to which they are assigned. Each year the stations inform the Librarian of the Bureau of Chemistry what periodicals are needed. An order card with all the necessary information (the publisher, price, number of copies, and place where each periodical is to be sent) is made by the Librarian and kept on file. All this information is given to the order clerk of the Food and Drug Administration who orders the publications sent direct to the stations from the publishers.

Some of these periodicals circulate to three or four stations. The chief of each of the districts, of which there are three, works out a scheme of circulation for the periodicals in his district and they are sent direct from one station to another. This reduces the number of periodicals for which it is necessary to subscribe. A copy of the scheme of distribution is sent to the Librarian of the bureau.

A few of the most important of the scientific journals are bound each year for the stations. They are not bound in the field. Instead, they

Procedure in the ordering of books and periodicals for field stations (cont'd):

are returned to the library of the Bureau in Washington where they are prepared for binding at the Government Printing Office. When returned from the Bindery they are catalogued as books, records being kept as for other books purchased for the stations.

. All books purchased for the stations are also ordered through the Librarian of the Bureau, the order cards being kept in the library. Instead of being sent direct to the stations, all books are sent first to the library of the bureau where they are catalogued and accessioned. A book card is sent with each book, which is signed and returned to the library as a receipt. These book cards are kept in alphabetical order under each station so that it is always easy to tell what books and journals each station has.

Time required to shelve a book:

According to the main Library shelf attendant, it takes approximately forty seconds to replace a book on the shelf. This time was estimated by taking account of the number of books, pamphlets, and papers to be reshelfed and the number of hours expended in arranging and reshelfing them each day for eight days scattered over a period of three weeks. The collecting and arranging accounts for about one third of the time. The scattered manner in which the books are shelved over the first two floors and the crowded condition of most of the shelves account for at least another sixth of the time. In the new building where plenty of room will be had for receiving and for shelving the books, practically all the arranging which is now a matter of duplication can be eliminated. The shelving will be much easier and much aimless wandering looking for the proper shelf can be avoided. It is believed that the time spent on each book should be not more than thirty seconds.

A business man of wide experience recently made the wise observation that one of the best tests of a firm's reliability is the way it acts when it has made a mistake. This test is applicable, too, in the case of our own daily routine, for is it not true that the way we act when we make mistakes establishes our reputations among our fellow workers?

This issue of the News Letter was in charge of Miss M. A. Sherman. Miss C. L. Feldkamp will be in charge of the April NewsLetter.

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April 18, 1931

The speaker at the April meeting of the Library staff was Mr. R. Kent Beattie, of the Bureau of Plant Industry, who gave an interesting account of his recent trip to Japan and other Asiatic countries, to obtain varieties of blight-resistant chestnut trees.

European tours are prominent in the library's interests now. Miss Gertrude E. Upton and Miss Ethel E. Smith sailed April 11 about noon for a Mediterranean cruise; Miss A. C. Atwood and Miss Mabel Colcord sailed at 11 p.m. of the same day for a trip to Italy. Miss Upton and Miss Smith expect to return the first of June and Miss Atwood and Miss Colcord the tenth of June. Miss Chapman will be in charge of the Loan Desk of the Main Library while Miss Upton is away and Miss Huddle will look after Miss Smith's work. Miss Bien has been, and will be, spending as much time as possible on the supplement to the Union List. Before going to the Loan Desk Miss Chapman has been recently taking her place in the Reference Room for half a day, spending the other half in the catalogue division on the Russian and Japanese accessions.

We are glad to report that Mrs. M. F. Nystrom, Librarian of the Bureau of Home Economics, is now able to return to work after several weeks illness.

Thirteen members of the library school of Hampton Institute, accompanied by the Director, Miss Florence R. Curtiss, and Miss Clark, the instructor in cataloguing, visited the Library on Thursday morning, April 16th.

The University of Maryland Library at College Park was moving into its new building during the past week and was not open to users. Our Reading Room felt the effect of this, for a few days, in an unusual number of University of Maryland visitors.

Mr. E. H. Zimmerley of the Virginia Truck Experiment Station was a recent visitor at the Main Library.

A Japanese student of farm management, S. Kageyama, visited the Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library recently.

Mr. William E. Hoffmann of the Department of Biology, Lingnan University, Canton, Kwantung, China, has recently been a visitor in the Bureau of Entomology Library. He says that the Lingnan Science Journal is now attempting to give information in each number as to changes in personnel among Chinese scientists. He gave a talk at the meeting of the Biological Society of Washington on April 18th, entitled "A consideration of educational, especially biological, progress in China prefaced by some general remarks on the country and its people."

Dr. Kurt Wagener, who is connected with the Berlin Tierärztliche Hochschule and is one of the editors of the Jahresbericht Veterinär-Medizin, has been working recently in the Bureau of Animal Industry.

The Columbia Library Association annual meeting at Annapolis on Saturday, April 11th, was attended by Miss Carpenter of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library, Miss Sherfy and Miss Williford from the Bureau of Dairy Industry Library, and by Miss Wilson and Miss Wadsworth from the Main Library. Miss Lacy, who is the representative from the District of Columbia Library Association on the Executive Board of the Columbia Library Association, was unable to go.

Miss Caroline B. Sherman, editor of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, gave a very interesting and informative talk to the members of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library staff at the weekly luncheon meeting April 7th, on the principles and policies underlying the editorial work of the Bureau.

"Cooperation in agriculture; a selected and annotated bibliography with special reference to marketing, purchasing, and credit" was issued in March as Bulletin No. 6 of the Federal Farm Board. This was compiled by Miss Chastina Gardner and is a completely revised edition of Miscellaneous Circular 97, published by the Department of Agriculture in 1927 to supersede Miscellaneous Circular 11, published in 1923. It includes foreign references and an index which were lacking in the previous editions. Credit has been given the staff of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library for "valuable assistance and suggestions in the preparation of the manuscript."

Miss Louise O. Bercaw of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library has compiled a short list of references on the Effect of floods on land values, at the request of Mr. Hendrickson of the Division of Land Economics.

Mrs. Ola P. Malcolm, Home Demonstration Agent of the Southern States, Office of Cooperative Extension Work, was called to Lubbock, Texas, to judge a meat exhibit which was given under the auspices of the local Chamber of Commerce, Board of City Development, and Fair Association, March 25-27. At her request the Library of the Office of Experiment Stations prepared selected lists of references, for use at this meeting, on Canning and Preservation of Meats, Soap Making, Hides and Leather, and Furs.

Many requests have come in to the Office of Experiment Stations Library for information for the preparation of papers to be given in connection with the Central States Extension Conference to be held at Lincoln, Nebraska, April 28-30. The main subject of the Conference is: Reaching more farm people effectively.

The shifting of the General Catalogue of the Library has now been completed. It occupies 852 drawers.

Oberly Memorial Prize

In competition for the fourth biennial prize offered by the Eunice Rockwood Oberly Memorial Fund Committee for the period 1929 to 1930, the following bibliographies were submitted:

Bercaw, Louise O. Rural standards of living. A selected bibliography. August, 1930.

Colvin, Esther M. The strawberry industry in the United States. A selected list of references on the economic aspects of the industry. October, 1929.

Day, Emily L. Valuation of real estate with special reference to farm real estate. November, 1929.

Edwards, Everett E. A bibliography of the history of agriculture in the United States. November, 1930.

McDonald, Marguerite. Crop and market reports. History and present status in the United States. A selected bibliography. June, 1929.

O'Brien, Ruth, Peterson, Esther C., and Worner, Ruby K. Bibliography on the relation of clothing to health. November, 1929.

Olcott, Margaret T. Large scale and corporation farming. November, 1929.

Zwinggi, Lois. Legal phases of agricultural marketing and agricultural cooperation. A selected bibliography. June, 1929.

It was the unanimous vote of the committee that the prize be awarded to Mr. Everett E. Edwards, Associate Agricultural Economist, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, who compiled the bibliography entitled "A Bibliography of the History of Agriculture in the United States."

The committee also voted that honorable mention be given the bibliography of Miss Louise O. Bercaw entitled "Rural Standards of Living. A Selected Bibliography" (U. S. Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Economics Bibliography No. 32).

A Last Appeal

The amount of the contributions which we have thus far received toward the library contributing membership in the American Library Association is now only \$12.25. In view of the size of the Library Staff of the Department is it too much to expect us to raise the full amount of \$25.00. It is hoped that all members of the staff who have not contributed will make some contribution if they feel able to do so and that they will send in their contributions on or before April 27th. They may be given to Miss Huddle, Main Library. In case the full amount of \$25.00 is not contributed, the contributions which have been made will be returned.

Dictated but not read??

The library has recently received from one of the agricultural colleges the following request:

"Would it be possible for me to secure copies of your United States Department of Agriculture Library bibliographic contribution no. 21 entitled 'A list of publications and Apiculture' contained in the United States Department of Agriculture Library and part news contained in the Library of Congress. The population was made according to the experiment station records by G. E. Hicks and I. L. Hoy."

Do you recognize the makers of the "population"? And how about the "news"?

Baltimore Special Libraries Meeting

The Baltimore Special Libraries Group has invited the District of Columbia Library Association to visit Baltimore Saturday afternoon, April 25, for a tour of the Welch Library, Court House Library, Baltimore Museum and Art Gallery, Johns Hopkins University Library, and the Lexington Building for a view over Baltimore. Dinner will be served at the "Hidden Gardens."

The train will leave Washington Union Station (Pennsylvania R. R.) at 1.00 p.m. and arrive in Baltimore at 2.00 p.m. The cost of railroad fare is \$1.25. Expenses exclusive of railroad fare will be about \$2.00. Those desiring to attend should notify Miss Huddle on or before April 23, as Miss Cullen, President of the District of Columbia Library Association, desires to have the information.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LIBRARY

Newsletter

New Series, Vol. 1, No. 5.

May 19, 1931.

The May staff meeting was held on Thursday, the fourteenth, at the Department's Motion Picture Laboratory. The International Harvester Company's film, "The Romance of the reaper," was shown.

Miss Barnett gave a talk April 30th on the work of the Department Library before the Library School of the New Jersey College for Women at New Brunswick.

Miss Margaret A. Bird has been transferred from the Civil Service Commission to the Public Roads Library where she will have charge of the periodical work. She is spending a month at the main Library familiarizing herself with the methods and organization of that library before actually taking up her work with the Bureau. Mrs. Hartley, who has been handling the periodicals for some time past, was loaned by the Stenographic Section and will return to her own work.

Miss Miriam I. Marshall, a member of the George Washington library class, has been appointed to a temporary position in the Catalogue Division of the main library. Another temporary appointee is Benjamin Simon as messenger.

Miss Viola Leiber, who was in charge of the periodical desk of the Bureau of Public Roads Library, was recently married to Mr. Leon Hartley.

An enterprising reporter from the Washington Times came to the B. A. E. Library one day recently to take the pictures of Mr. E. E. Edwards, who received the Oberly Memorial prize for his bibliography entitled "A Bibliography of the History of Agriculture in the United States," and of Miss Louise O. Bercaw, who received honorable mention for her bibliography entitled "Rural Standards of Living." The Times of March 9th contained a picture of Miss Bercaw which was rather better than the ordinary newspaper picture.

The meeting of the Special Libraries Association of Baltimore held in Baltimore on Saturday afternoon, May 2nd, was attended by the following members of the staff: Miss Hawks, Miss Bien, Miss Huddle of the Main Lib Library, Miss Feldkamp of the O.E.S. Library, and Miss Bercaw and Miss Day of the B.A.E. Library. The party was taken by bus to the Welch Medical Library, the Court House Library, the Baltimore Art Museum, and the Broadcasting rooms of WBAL; then to dinner at "Hidden Gardens," after which Mr. Joseph Wheeler, Librarian of the Enoch Pratt Library, gave a talk on the plans for the new building for his library.

There will be a dinner meeting of the Maryland, Virginia, and District of Columbia Regional Group of Cataloguers and Classifiers at the Monticello Hotel, Charlottesville, Va., May 23rd, at 6:30 p.m. An interesting program is being prepared and there will be opportunity for sight-seeing in this historic part of Virginia.

Misses Olcott, Carpenter, Jacobs, Bercaw, and Day of the B.A.E. Library attended meetings during the week of May 4th to 9th of the International Chamber of Commerce, relating to future trading and other subjects of agricultural interest. Misses Day, Benton, and Lane also attended an open meeting of the Fourth International Biennial Universal Cotton Standards Conference in the conference room of the Bieber building on May 12th. The conference, at which representatives of the nine leading cotton associations and exchanges of Europe met with representatives of this Department and of the American cotton industry for the approval of copies of the Universal Cotton Standards for use by this Department and the arbitration committees of the European cotton associations during the two-year period beginning August 1, 1931, opened with a meeting on Saturday morning, May 9th, and continued until Wednesday, May 13th.

The B.A.E. Library along with the rest of the Bureau felt a powerful pressure last week getting material ready for Mr. Olsen which he needed for his trip abroad as one of the delegates to represent the United States at the World Wheat Conference in London, May 19th. Following the wheat conference Mr. Olsen will make a tour of inspection of the Bureau's offices in Europe, after which he will attend as a delegate the World's Dairy Congress at Copenhagen in July. He sailed May 9th and plans to be back in Washington about August 1st. Another point of pressure has been in connection with the sailing of Mr. Asher Hobson, Chief of the Foreign Agricultural Service, who was appointed by President Hoover, as a delegate to the 15th International Congress of Agriculture, to be held at Prague, June 5th to 8th.

The long awaited Section II, pt. 1, of the Agricultural Economics Bibliography no. 31, "California; an index to the state sources of agricultural statistics," has now been received. This includes pages 343-722. Proof has been read on the remaining parts, 2, 3, and 4, and it is hoped that they will be available soon.

Librarians are no doubt happy to have received the General Index to the Experiment Station Record v. 41-50, 1919-1924, prepared by Miss Martha Gundlach of the Office of Experiment stations. The new index has marked advantages over the previous index. The station publications are indicated by an abbreviation of the station immediately before the page number, except where all the references are from the same station, in which case the abbreviation precedes the volume number. The use of leaded type in the Index makes the print more legible and easier to read. The index to the next ten volumes is in process of preparation.

The Public Roads Library reports that "Roadside Development" has proven a popular subject for a bibliography. The first run of fifty was soon exhausted. With a request from the Outdoor Advertising Association of America for fifty copies, a second run of one hundred copies was also rapidly exhausted and a request from the American Civic Association for fifteen copies has prompted a third run. This time an author index is being added.

A pair of gloves was found after the meeting in the Motion Picture Laboratory. Owner can get them by enquiring in Room 102, Main Library.

Contributing Membership in the A.L.A.

In response to the last appeal in the Newsletter sufficient funds were received from the members of the staff to pay for the Contributing Membership in the A.L.A. Following is the letter of acknowledgment received from the Secretary of the A.L.A:

May 1, 1931.

Miss Claribel R. Barnett, Librarian
U. S. Department of Agriculture Library,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss Barnett:

Your letter of April 28 has been received with the good news that the Library Staff of the U. S. Department of Agriculture is taking a contributing membership in the American Library Association. The check for \$25 has been credited to the 1931 dues.

On behalf of President Strohm and the Executive Board, I welcome this new Contributing Member. Valuable as is the financial contribution, especially at this time when we are facing a serious problem, we are even more grateful for the personal interest in the larger library movement which prompted this expression of support. Please convey to your staff members our deep appreciation, and be assured that we are most grateful to you for presenting the matter.

It is necessary for us to have the name of some person to receive the correspondence and literature sent from time to time to our Contributing Members. Will you supply us with the name of someone to represent the Library Staff in this way?

Thanking you for your interest and encouragement, I am

Cordially yours,
(Signed) Carl H. Milam
Secretary.

June Staff Meeting and Newsletter

The next staff meeting will be held on Friday, June 5th. Mr. Frank L. Goll of the Bureau of Plant Industry will give an illustrated talk on "Glimpses of Southern Spain." The chairman of the Program Committee, Miss C. B. Sherfy, will have charge of the Newsletter. Please send her your contributions for the Newsletter on or before June 3rd.

Collections in Main Library

In planning for the Library quarters in the new building it has been necessary to make an exact count of the shelves now occupied by the collections in the Main Library. The results as shown in the following table are given both by shelves and by double face sections, counting ten shelves to each double face section for the ordinary size books, and twenty shelves for each double face section for the folios lying flat.

Shelves Now Occupied by Collections Filed in Main Library
Arranged by Classes.

Reference books

		<u>Shelves</u>	<u>Double face Sections</u>
200-243	Encyclopaedias, dictionaries, directories, atlases, etc.	<u>216</u>	<u>21</u>
		216	21

General books

110	General periodicals	16	2
119-120	Biography	32	3
124-145	Travel, history and miscellaneous	<u>52</u>	<u>5</u>
		100	10

Agriculture and Forestry

1	U. S. Dept. of Agriculture publica- tions	125	12
2-5	General agricultural societies	132	13
6-28	General agricultural periodicals	931	93
30-39	General agricultural books	96	10
40-50.8	Animal husbandry	477	48
53-58.9	The soil	119	12
59-79	Crops	159	16
80-98.9	Horticulture	448	45
99-99.9	Forestry	81	8
100	State experiment stations, United States	87	9
101-109.5	Foreign experiment stations	<u>85</u>	<u>8</u>
		2,740	274

Government documents, statistics, law and education

148-174	Government documents	500	50
250-273	Statistics	160	16
274-274.99	Law	72	7
275-276	Education	<u>148</u>	<u>15</u>
		880	88

Economics and commerce

277-285	Economics	49	5
286-287	Commerce	<u>227</u>	<u>23</u>
		276	28

Engineering and manufacture

288-296	Engineering	190	19
297-313	Manufactures	<u>316</u>	<u>31</u>
		506	50

Home Economics

317-324	Home economics	<u>16</u>	<u>2</u>
		16	2

Shelves Now Occupied by Collections Filed in Main Library (Cont'd)

Mathematics and the physical sciences

		<u>Shelves</u>	<u>Double face Sections</u>
325-346	Mathematics and physics	95	10
381-396.92	Chemistry and pharmacy	532	53
398-408	Geology and mineralogy	<u>142</u>	<u>14</u>
		769	77

Biological sciences

409-410	Natural history	230	23
411-415	Zoology	129	13
420-433	Entomology	41	4
434-439	Arachnida, etc.	11	1
440	Microscopy	25	2
442	Biology and embryology	58	6
443-447	Evolution, anatomy, physiology, anthropology and ethnology.	<u>56</u>	<u>6</u>
		550	55

Medicine and hygiene

448	Medicine	268	27
449	Hygiene	<u>111</u>	<u>11</u>
		379	38

Botany

450-451	Periodicals and societies	187	19
452-464.91	Books	<u>264</u>	<u>26</u>
		451	45

General scientific periodicals and learned societies

470-475	General scientific periodicals	135	14
500-517	Learned societies	<u>464</u>	<u>46</u>
		599	60
Total		7,482	748

Special collections (by subject)

U. S. Dept. Agric. Publications Reserve set	122	12
U. S. Dept. Agric. Publications, mimeographed	30	3
Implement catalogues	25	2
Horticultural catalogues	156	15
Farm bureau publications	28	3

Special collections (by form)

Reprints	91	9
Pamphlets	18	2

Special collections (by language)

Japanese collection	85	8
Chinese collection	10	1

Rare books	142	15
Folios (lying flat)	<u>900</u>	<u>45</u>
	1,607	115

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NEWSLETTER

New Series, Vol. 1, No. 6.

June, 1931

At the staff meeting on June 5, Mr. Frank A. Goll, of the Bureau of Plant Industry, gave a very interesting illustrated talk on "Glimpses of Southern Spain". Mr. Goll had charge of the Department's exhibit at the exposition last year in Seville, Spain.

The Library has recently received the first volume (A-Aeg) of the new edition of the British Museum Catalogue. About eight or ten volumes will be issued each year and it is estimated that it will require about eight years to complete the catalogue. It will be an invaluable reference tool.

Miss Bien has practically finished work on the items from the Library to be included in the forthcoming supplement to the "Union List of Serials in Libraries of the United States and Canada". Arrangements have been made with the Catalogue Division for the making of notes currently in the future so that there will not again be such a congestion of this work. Miss Hawks has been checking the lists for the new "List of Serial Publications of Foreign Governments, 1815-1929" which is being compiled in the same manner as the Union List of Serials.

After closing hours recently Miss Feldkamp, Miss Hull, and Miss Barnes, of the Office of Experiment Stations library, visited the new library at the University of Maryland. They were shown about from "garret to cellar" by Miss Grace Barnes, Librarian. The building is most attractive both inside and out and commands lovely views of the surrounding country. The arrangement of the rooms is particularly pleasing and convenient. The distinctive feature is the large reading room extending entirely across the front of the building on the second floor. The abundance of light, the pongee hangings at the windows, and the attractive tables and chairs combine to create a very sheerful effect.

Mr. Slade of the Division of Cotton Marketing gave a demonstration of the U. S. official cotton standards to members of the library staff of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics on May 27, after which a visit was made to the new cotton library.

Miss Marie Ginsberg, Economic Librarian of the League of Nations, visited this Library the latter part of May.

Two small movable tables, constructed by the Carpenter Shop for use in consulting books in the stacks, have been received by the Bureau of Entomology library. The measurements are 15" x 24", standing from the floor 40", and with one drop leaf 15" x 12". They have been found extremely convenient.

Parts II and IV of Bureau of Agricultural Economics Bibliography No. 31, "California: An Index to the State Sources of Agricultural Statistics", which were delayed for so long have now been issued. The bibliography has received a very cordial welcome from statistical workers. Part III is still to be issued.

A list of references on forage grasses has been compiled by the Office of Experiment Stations library for the Director of the Guam Agricultural Experiment Station. The references included are those not to be found in the Guam library. Many of the references were kindly furnished by the Office of Forage Crops.

The Office of Experiment Stations library has also compiled a list of selected references on extension studies, at the request of Doctor Ramsower, Director of Extension Service, Ohio College of Agriculture. The list was wanted in connection with a bibliography in the process of collection on "measuring the efficiency of various phases of the extension program."

A "Selected bibliography on the use of electricity on the farm" has been compiled by Dorothy J. Wilks, Librarian of the Bureau of Agricultural Engineering. It is available in typewritten form.

Several bibliographies have also recently been compiled by the Bureau of Entomology library, in response to rush requests, among them one on three species of Phylloxera which have suddenly sprung into economic importance.

The Federal Farm Board is issuing each week a typewritten list of references to new material dealing with cooperative marketing and purchasing entitled "Cooperative Literature". This is filed in the Bibliography vertical file of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics library.

A new position has been provided for the Bureau of Animal Industry library. Miss Ruth Ehlert of the Catalogue Division, main Library, has temporarily been transferred to the new position to assist in the work on the index of veterinary literature.

In addition to the transfer of Miss Ehlert, the main Library has recently lost three of its assistants. Mr. J. R. Brown, who has been in the Library for about two years, has resigned to take a position in his home state of Texas. Mr. William Howe has been transferred to the Accounting Division of the Geological Survey, and Thomas Putt, a messenger, has resigned to go back to his home. It is needless to say that these losses entail a considerable amount of planning and rearrangement of the work, especially as it takes time to fill such vacancies.

Miss Charlotte Trolinger of the main Library, who has been on leave of absence since November 1, 1930, returned to the Library on June 6.

Miss Mabel Colcord, Librarian of the Bureau of Entomology, and Miss Alice C. Atwood, of the Bureau of Plant Industry library, who went to Europe the middle of April, returned on June 11. They reported a most successful and delightful trip. Miss Gertrude E. Upton and Miss Ethel E. Smith of the main Library, who left April 10 for a Mediterranean cruise, have also returned.

Miss Feldkamp, Librarian of the Office of Experiment Stations, has gone for a few days' visit at her home in Ann Arbor before going to the A. L. A. conference.

The following members of the Library staff are planning to attend the A. L. A. meeting at New Haven: Miss C. E. Barnett and Miss Roberta Chapman of the main Library; Miss J. L. Allen and Miss E. R. Newman of the Bureau of Plant Industry; Miss C. B. Sherry of the Bureau of Dairy Industry; Miss C. L. Feldkamp of the Office of Experiment Stations; Miss M. T. Clcott of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Miss M. F. Carpenter of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics library left June 6 to spend several weeks in Ohio visiting relatives. She and Miss Day plan to attend the Special Libraries Association in Cleveland, June 10-12, after which Miss Day will go to her home in Buffalo for a day or two.

Miss Lydia A. Wilkins, Chief of the Periodical Division of the main Library, sailed for Europe on June 10, to be gone about two months.

It will be appreciated if those who send items for the Newsletter will have them typewritten in single space. This will aid in the compilation of the Newsletter, as the items can then be cut up and placed in their proper order before the cutting of the stencil. There will be no issue of the Newsletter until October. Miss Katherine Jacobs will be chairman of the October meeting and Mrs. A. C. Sullivan will have charge of the Newsletter. It is earnestly requested that each bureau library keep notes currently of items of interest for the next Newsletter.

BIBLIOGRAPHIES IN PROCESS OF COMPILATION IN THE DEPARTMENT

Main Library

Chronological list of American agricultural periodicals in the Library, issued previous to 1900. (Includes at present the periodicals classed as "American agricultural journals". It is hoped later to go over other special branches of agriculture, especially horticulture, and include these titles. The list may possibly be published later in Agricultural Library Notes)

Bureau of Agricultural Economics

California; an index to the state sources of agricultural statistics. Compiled by Louise O. Bercaw. (Agricultural Economics Bibliography no. 31, pt. 3)

Wheat: Cost of production. Compiled by Louise O. Bercaw. (Agricultural Economics Bibliography no. 33)

Rural standards of living. Compiled by Louise O. Bercaw. (In press)
(Practically the same as Agricultural Economics Bibliography No. 32)

Bureau of Agricultural Economics (cont'd)

- Influence of weather on crops. Compiled by A. N. Hannay. (In press)
- Periodicals reviewing economic situation. Compiled by M. I. Herb.
- Bibliography on the marketing of agricultural products. Compiled by Esther M. Colvin and Louise O. Bercaw. (Supplement to Miscellaneous Circular no. 35)
- An index to state official agricultural periodicals economic in character. Compiled by Esther M. Colvin.
- Switzerland: Guide to official sources of agricultural statistics. Compiled by A. N. Hannay.
- An index to statistics of consumption. Compiled by M. I. Herb.
- The grape industry in the United States: A selected list of references on the economic aspects of the industry. Compiled by Vajen E. Hitz.

Bureau of Agricultural Engineering

- Bibliography on soil erosion. Compiled by Dorothy J. Wilks.
- Farm structures. Compiled by Guy Ervin.
- Supplementary bibliography relating to the deleterious action of soil alkalis and other chemical agents on cement and concrete. Compiled by Guy Ervin.

Bureau of Dairy Industry

- Bibliography on dairying. Compiled by Carrie B. Sherfy and Nell W. Smallwood. (Will contain publications issued by the state agricultural experiment stations and of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, through 1930 and will supersede Bibliographical Contribution no. 6, Partial list of publications on dairying issued in the United States, 1900 to June, 1923)
- List of publications of the Bureau of Dairy Industry from January, 1929 to May, 1931.

Bureau of Entomology

- Index to literature of American economic entomology: Index V, 1930-. Compiled by Isabel Colcord. (This bibliography is kept on slips in the Bureau of Entomology library. The previous bibliographies have been published at five-year intervals by the American Association of Economic Entomologists)

Bureau of Entomology (Cont'd)

A bibliography of described transformations of North American coleoptera.
Compiled by J. S. Wade.

Contributions to an annotated bibliography of the Hessian fly, *Phytophaga destructor* Say, in America north of Mexico. Compiled by J. S. Wade.

Material for the second revision of the Bibliography of the European Corn Borer, *Pyrausta nubilalis* Hbn. Compiled by J. S. Wade.

Revision of list of publications of the personnel of the Division of Cereal and forage insects. Compiled by J. S. Wade.

Review of literature on Paradichlorobenzene and related compounds used as insecticides. Author and subject list with abstracts. Compiled under the direction of Dr. W. J. Bulger.

Office of Experiment Stations

Boys and Girls Four H Club work in the United States. Compiled by Edith J. Webb.

Fifth biennial supplement to list of station bulletins for years 1929-1930.
Compiled by Catherine E. Pennington.

Forest Service

Bibliography of American forest literature (exact title not yet given).
Compiled under the direction of E. M. Lunn in cooperation with the National Research Council.

A selected bibliography on range livestock and wild life management on western ranged. Compiled by F. G. Renner.

Office of Information

Index of publications of the U. S. Department of Agriculture from January, 1901 to December, 1925, inclusive. Compiled by Label G. Hunt and Mary A. Bradley. (In press)

Bureau of Plant Industry

Plant breeding: A list of titles on heredity, variation and selection in plants with special reference to crop improvement, chiefly based on material in the catalogues of the Department Library and of the Bureau of Plant Industry. Compiled by Martha A. Sherman and Esther M. Colvin, with subject index prepared by Marjorie F. Warner.

Re-issue of Bibliographical Contribution no. 3, Checklist of publications issued by the Bureau of Plant Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, 1901-1920, and by the divisions and offices which combined to form this Bureau, 1862-1901. (1921-1931 publications will be included and a subject index added)

Bureau of Public Roads

Partial list of references on use of explosives in the settlement of fills.
Compiled by Mildred Wilson.

Partial list of references on highway lighting. Compiled by Mildred Wilson.

Bibliography as part of the history of road building in the United States and of the activities of the American Association of State Highway Officials. Compiled by Mildred Wilson. (To be published by the American Association of State Highway Officials)

*Miss Barnett gave
a talk on new building for Library functions*

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LIBRARY

Newsletter

New Series, Vol. 1, No. 7.

October, 1931.

The American Library Association has appointed a Committee on Cooperative Cataloguing to make a study of the possibilities of extending cooperative cataloguing, particularly among the libraries of the country that deal with research material. The Committee has at its disposal a grant of \$13,500 from the General Education Board. The Committee has been appointed in two groups -- an Executive Committee and an Advisory Committee. Miss Barnett has been appointed to serve on the Advisory Committee. As a preliminary to the Committee's study, sixty of the larger university and reference libraries of the country were recently asked to draw off a record, at the expense of the committee, on standard size cards, of five hundred titles catalogued by it during the calendar year 1930, giving a typical cross-section of the year's cataloguing with each class of material (subject, language, date of publication, those catalogued with Library of Congress cards, and those catalogued with the library's own typewritten or printed cards, or with printed cards from other sources, etc.) represented in approximately the same proportion as they were in the year's cataloguing as a whole. The Library of the Department was one of the libraries asked to cooperate.

The Payne Foundation of New York has given money for two scholarships to be given to the two 4-H Club winners graduating from college each year who stand highest in various phases of 4-H Club work. These scholarships are for the study of the United States Department of Agriculture and other governmental activities. The first winners of the scholarships were Mary Todd, a graduate of the University of Georgia, and Andy Colebank, a graduate of the University of Tennessee. They arrived in the Department October first and are now mapping out their studies for the year. The greater part of their time will be spent in studying the work of the various bureaus and offices, including the Library, and in research, but each will devote some time to academic study either in the Department's graduate school or in some of the educational institutions of Washington. Members of the staff of the Office of Cooperative Extension Work are acting as advisers in planning their studies.

At the last of the fiscal year Miss Barnett, at the request of Mr. Hambleton, in charge of the Bee Culture Laboratory of the Bureau of Entomology, went to Madison, Wisconsin, to examine the Dr. C. C. Miller Memorial Library on bee culture in the College of Agriculture Library, and to consult with Prof. H. F. Wilson, the Curator of the Library, in regard to plans for greater cooperation between that Library and the Department. She was accompanied by Miss Colcord, Librarian of the Bureau of Entomology. On their return trip from Madison, they visited the John Crerar Library, the Field Museum Library, and the Charles H. Thordarson Library in Chicago, and the Public Library in Cleveland, Ohio.

The Library has finished the checking of the "List of Serial Publications of Foreign Governments, 1815-1931", a cooperative undertaking similar to the "Union List of Serials". The preliminary checking list was issued in seven parts, covering all countries except Russia, the list for which is being compiled in the Documents Division of the Library of Congress.

For the last two years, since Miss Wharton's death, the Library has had no one to assign to the work of making cards for reprints and the reprints have been accumulating in great quantities. Mr. Wright this summer has arranged them alphabetically so that there is some possibility of finding them when wanted. He has also put in order the reprint collection of the pamphlet collection.

A new biography card 7-1/2 x 12-1/2 cm. in size, is being printed for special use in noting biographies of agricultural and scientific workers. These will be filed in a special index of biographies which is kept in the main Library reference room. The cooperation of members of the library staff is earnestly requested in noting biographies of this kind which they happen to see in their work. A supply of the printed cards can be obtained on request as soon as they are printed.

The Library has started the numbering of its printed and mimeographed forms. Those which are not at present numbered will be given numbers when new stocks are ordered. It will be helpful to the staff to be able to ask for the forms by number.

In the annual report of the Library for the fiscal year 1931 it was impossible to publish in detail the material contained in the reports of the chiefs of the divisions of the main Library and the reports of the bureau librarians. The typewritten reports are, however, on file in the main library and may be borrowed on request.

For some time it has been felt that it might be desirable to have subject matter specialists in the cataloguing of the accessions to the library. It was decided to try the matter out this summer in the field of agricultural economics. Miss Trolinger was assigned to this field. She worked for a month beginning June 15 with Miss Jacobs in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library, in organizing the new plan for procedure in handling economic publications. This has materially reduced the re-cataloguing formerly done in the Bureau Library and has definitely speeded up the work. In connection with this new procedure it was decided to expand the economic section of the classification -- the need for which had long been felt. Miss Trolinger and Miss Jacobs finally evolved an expansion that was approved in both libraries. This expansion consists of a subdivision by country of 277 (economic history), 278 (economic geography) and 280 (economics), and a subdivision by commodity of 281 (agricultural economics), 280.2 (cooperative marketing), and 280.3 (marketing). It is perhaps too soon to evaluate results but hope is felt for the new expansion of the classification and the new procedure, as both seem to be working satisfactorily.

The inadequate appropriation for binding in the past resulted in an accumulation of back files in the periodical room of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library which finally forced the library to undertake emergency measures. Miss Harrison and Miss Herb have been helping for half time each at the periodical desk in order to assist Mr. Smallwood in taking off the shelves the back files of periodicals and preparing them for binding. A great improvement has already been effected, although the work is by no means done.

The weekly staff luncheons of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics have been changed from Tuesday to Wednesday this year and the first one was held September 23.

The Library of the Bureau of Entomology has recently come into the custody of the collection of photographs of entomologists gotten together by Dr. L. O. Howard, former chief of the bureau. The collection now includes more than 2500 photographs of entomologists throughout the world. An effort will be made to add to these constantly so that the national collection may be as comprehensive as possible as well as of decided personal interest and historical value. The photographs are mounted on cards of uniform size (8 x 10 1/2 inches) and are arranged alphabetically in file cases. Full name, date of birth, and photographer are indicated where possible and on the reverse of the card some account of the person is written. The collection includes photographs of entomologists from the time of Linnaeus down to the present. The usefulness of such a collection is great, and, since it is public property, prints may be had by any entomologist for use in lectures or in publications.

At the meeting of the Permanent International Commission of Road Congresses in Paris, June 27, 1931, it was decided to organize a documentation service for the purpose of making an abstract of the road literature of the various countries for publication in the Bulletin of the Association, the information to be furnished by the various countries. As the contribution of the United States to this service, two copies of "Highways", the current literature list of the Bureau of Public Roads Library, are being forwarded each week through the Highway Education Board to the office of the Association in Paris.

The Engineer Corps Library in the Munitions Building has recently been engaged in weeding out its collection. The Bureau of Public Roads Library was fortunate enough to receive from the discards some publications valuable from a historical standpoint. Among them are a number of state maps showing roads in the Civil War period.

Personnel

Mr. Oliver M. Shipley, who was with the main Library for several years before attending the Columbia School of Library Service last year and who returned to work here this summer, has been transferred to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library where he is assisting Miss Jacobs in the cataloging.

Miss Wanita Gardner, a stenographer in the main Library, has been transferred to another Department of the Government and her place has been filled by Miss Rachel Storer, transferred from the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

The main Library has had several changes among its young men. Russell Scales, a messenger, has resigned, and the following have recently been appointed: Elbert Wilson and Richard Wellman, messengers, John Hiatt and Daniel Moreland, library aids.

Miss Roberta Chapman, of the main Library, is in Europe with Miss Phoebe Knappen of the Bureau of Biological Survey. Miss Chapman is taking some leave without pay in order to make it worth while to take the trip. She and Miss Knappen are spending most of their time in England.

Mrs. Annie M. Hannay, of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics library, sustained a broken arm and other injuries in an automobile accident when returning July 5 from a drive between Lexington and Statnton, Virginia, this summer.

Miss Mary Hall was transferred from the Stenographic-Visé Section of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics to the Bureau library in June as an administrative and editorial assistant. Miss Hall has had several years' experience in work of an editorial nature in the Fruit and Vegetable Division of the Bureau, and was assigned to viséing work in May, 1928, being in charge of that work from October, 1929, until she joined the library staff.

New Bibliographies

Mr. E. E. Edwards of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, has contributed to the Library series of Bibliographical Contributions a bibliography entitled "George Washington and Agriculture". It is no. 22 of the series. The original edition of 900 copies is already exhausted and a new supply is now in preparation. Although not prepared by the Library it may be considered the Library's contribution to the Bi-Centennial Celebration since it was issued in the Library series.

"Rural Standards of Living", compiled by Louise O. Bercaw, which was first issued as Agricultural Economics Bibliography no. 32, has been rprinted as Miscellaneous Publication no. 116.

A ten-page typewritten list on the cherry industry in the United States, compiled by Lillian Crans, was prepared in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics library at the request of Prof. G. L. Sulerud, Assistant Professor of Economics and Sociology.

The "Agricultural Economics Bibliography" series has had the titles listed below added since the last staff meeting:

California: an index to the state sources of agricultural statistics.
Comp. by Louise O. Bercaw. Pt. 3. (This makes "California" now complete in five parts)

Wheat: cost of production. Comp. by Louise O. Bercaw. (Agricultural Economics Bibliography no. 33)

Business and banking periodicals reviewing the business situation:
a selected list compiled from periodicals received in the libraries of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Federal Farm Board.
Comp. by M. K. Herb. (Agricultural Economics Bibliography no. 34)

A book was given by Mr. McCrory

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The main Library loan desk reports that the increase in circulation for the four months July-October, 1931, was 3750 over the same period in 1930. This is the greatest increase ever to be recorded in the history of the Library.

It is the urgent request of the main Library loan desk that bureau libraries who borrow direct from the Library of Congress and the Surgeon General's office report promptly to the loan desk the number of books borrowed each month. Some of the bureaus already cooperate in this matter and it is hoped that the others will soon do so.

"The Soybean Industry in the United States" is the title of a 20-page typewritten list of references on the economic aspects of the industry, compiled by Mamie I. Herb in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library, and dated November 6, 1931.

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library has received the following 1930 Census publications:

Agriculture Publications:

- Complete sets of "Number of farms, farm acreage, and values of farm land and buildings, farm buildings, farmers' dwellings and farm implements and machinery, by minor civil divisions", and "Statistics by counties (1st series), farms, acreage, values, and selected livestock and crops."
- "Statistics by counties (2d series), selected crops and livestock, mortgages, taxes, etc." (Received for 30 states)
- "Statistics by counties (3d series), type of farm." (Received for Delaware only)

Population Publications:

- Complete set of 1st and 2d series.

The main Library has also received these publications.

At the 47th annual meeting of the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists held at the Raleigh Hotel recently, Dr. H. C. Sherman of Columbia University gave the opening address. Eligibility to active membership in this association is conceded ex officio to chemists connected with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, national, state or provincial experiment stations and institutions charged with official control of chemicals, foods and drugs, and it continues only so long as such position is held. The meeting brought to Washington many of the state and experiment station chemists as well as field men of the Bureau of Chemistry and Soils. Many of the latter visited the Chemistry Library to discuss their library problems and to look over the newer books.

The advent of the 3d edition of the A. O. A. C. Methods of Analysis, the chemists' trusted guide, has at last been greeted with contentment and relief. False hopes had been raised, followed by disappointment and admonitions against impatience during a year of recurring delays. Eighteen copies have been purchased by the main Library for filing in the Chemistry Library and the various laboratories which it serves. The Chemistry Library has also catalogued and sent out forty-five copies to the Food and Drug and Chemistry and Soils field stations.

Miss Fuehr of the University of Berlin, recently visited the Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library in the interest of a thesis for a doctor's degree, on the marketing of fruits and vegetables, particularly citrus fruits and apples.

Dr. D. P. Krynine, a Russian authority on soil mechanics, now connected with Yale University, was a recent visitor at the Bureau of Public Roads Library.

Miss Roberta Chapman, of the main Library, was married to Mr. George D. Watrous, Jr., on November 3, a few days after her return from her European trip. Mrs. Watrous returned to her work in the Library on November 11.

Miss C. L. Feldkamp, Librarian of the Office of Experiment Stations, left November 5 for a vacation at her home in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She will attend the annual convention of the Association of Land-Grant Colleges and Universities at Chicago, November 16-18, and expects to return to Washington the latter part of the month.

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The speaker at the November library staff meeting was Mr. S. H. McCrory, Chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Engineering, and at the December meeting, Mr. O. E. Reed, Chief of the Bureau of Dairy Industry. Both talks were most interesting and instructive.

"The Influence of Weather on Crops: 1900-1930" is the title of a 246-page bibliography compiled by Mrs. A. M. Mannay, of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics library and released recently as Miscellaneous Publication No. 118 of the Department. The bibliography contains 2,324 references to "studies of the effect of different conditions of temperature, precipitation, humidity, light and wind on vegetation in many parts of the world."

Members of the library staff of the Division of Cotton Marketing of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics have been helping with a study of definitions of trade terms which the Division is undertaking. It is hoped that a set of definitions may be developed which can be used consistently in publications of the Division.

A compilation of the laws of the forty-eight states relating to the protection of the public at points where railroads intersect highways at grades, including grade crossing elimination acts, has recently been compiled in the Bureau of Public Roads by Robert D. Lyons. It consists of 390 pages and bears the date of October 1, 1931. It contains a digest of provisions apportioning cost of railroad grade crossing elimination. This compilation has been issued in limited edition but a few copies are available for distribution.

The main Library has had visits recently, among others, from Mr. Caspar Tuysizian, Librarian of Robert College, Mrs. Cecile P. Maurer, Librarian of the Jackson Laboratory of the Du Pont Company, Doctor Stout of the New York Botanic Station, and Dr. M. T. Cooke of the Porto Rico Insular Station. Doctor Cooke had upwards of 150 references to consult.

A representative of the President's Committee on Social Trends spent several days during the past month in the Bureau of Public Roads library, studying trends in county and township administration.

Highway engineers who came to Washington to attend the annual meeting of the Highway Research Board, National Research Council, the week of December 6, dropped into the Bureau of Public Roads library to renew acquaintanceships and to look up questions of interest.

An article in regard to the Department Library is contained in the October number of the Administrative Bulletin, the new mimeographed serial of the Office of Personnel and Business Administration.

In the Wilson Bulletin for December, 1931, there is introduced a new department called "Short Cuts". In the article describing it (page 300 of the December issue), the publishers invite all librarians to send photographs and brief descriptive notes of the short cuts they have introduced and found valuable. "Photographs will be paid for at the rate of a dollar each and will be eligible for one of the grand prizes for photographs (\$25.00) to be awarded next June." The article further states that the phrase "Short Cuts" will be interpreted in the broadest sense so that any simple library practice or device, help or self-help, that increases the efficiency of the library staff or attracts patrons, or stimulates their interest, or instructs them how to make better use of the library, etc., may appear under that heading. Possibly some members of the Library staff of the Department may be willing to write up some practices which they think might come within the scope of the competition. It is hoped also that the competition may prove a stimulant for the working out of new short cuts in our own service, for publication either in the Wilson Bulletin or in our Newsletter.

Ing. Carlos G. Gerstrom, Director de Carreteras del Automovil Club Argentino, is in this country making a detailed survey of highway construction methods and operating systems of the United States with a view to improving similar conditions in Argentina. He is spending some time with the Bureau of Public Roads. One of the first things he did was to check up the publications which the Bureau library receives from his country.

Mr. Jerome F. Cobbe, an assistant in the main Library since November, 1930, was transferred on December 1 to a position in the State Department.

Mr. Charles E. Wright, a member of the main Library staff, has left for his vacation and when he returns in January will bring with him his bride from his home in Springfield, Missouri.

With the convening of the new Congress the legislative work of the libraries of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics and the Bureau of Public Roads starts anew, and promises to be unusually heavy since agricultural relief and unemployment relief are two major problems before the country at the present time. That this promise is to be borne out seems certain judging from the output of bills for the first day of Congress. The Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library reports that on December 8, the first full legislative day, 766 Public bills, 108 House joint resolutions and 43 House resolutions were introduced in the House of Representatives alone. One hundred and eight of these had enough connection with the work of that Bureau to be indexed and it required twelve and a half typewritten pages to list them alone. In addition to these there were two and one half pages of additional items consisting of Executive communications of various kinds making the index for that day fifteen pages long. In the Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library, Miss Hitz is in charge of the legislative work and in the Bureau of Public Roads Library, Mrs. Stahl has charge of it.

The first staff meeting in 1932 will be held on Thursday afternoon, January 14, at 4:30 p.m.

This issue of the Newsletter closes the first year of the new mimeographed series. The cooperation of the staff is urgently requested in making the Newsletter for 1932 a still better publication. Suggestions for the improvement of the Newsletter will also be welcomed. One has already been received inspired perhaps by the competition described in the December Wilson Bulletin. The suggestion is that we have a competition in connection with the numbers of the Newsletter for 1932 by taking a vote of the whole staff at the end of the year as to the best issue. How many of the staff would be in favor of trying such a plan? If it were adopted it would probably be advisable to make definite arrangements at the beginning of the year for all the numbers. Would it be better to have each of the branch libraries and the main Library be responsible for a number and to have the competition by libraries, or would it be better to have the competition by individual members of the staff? Please send in your suggestions or comments as promptly as possible and in any case before January 1, 1932.

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL THE STAFF

Charles R. Barnett

Librarian

